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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COL. RONALD POPE

REF: ABU DHABI 0090

1. MOST FILES COVERING YEARS COL. POPE SERVED IN GUYANA RETIRED TO DEPARTMENT. AVAILABLE BIO INFO FOLLOWS:

2. POPE ASSIGNED BY BRITISH ARMY IN 1965 TO BUILD UP GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE (GDF) PRIOR TO GUYANESE INDEPENDENCE IN 1966. POPE STAYED ON AFTER INDEPENDENCE AS CHIEF OF STAFF UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE IN MARCH 1969.

3. EMEMB GEORGETOWN REPORTED IN 1969 THAT POPE WAS WELL REGARDED BY GOG (INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM) AND RESPECTED FOR TECHNICAL COMPETENCE. BECAUSE OF HIS REPUTATION, POPE WAS ABLE, WITH SOME SUCCESS, TO COUNTER CIVILIAN POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN OPERATION OF GDF.

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4. POPE DESCRIBED AS DEDICATED, ENERGETIC, AND GUNG-HO

TYPE. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN VERY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS U.S. AND FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY DURING HIS YEARS IN GUYANA.

5. NO MEMBER PRESENT STAFF HERE DURING POPE'S SERVICE. AMB MET HIM BRIEFLY IN DECEMBER 1969 WHEN POPE CAME FOR FUNERAL OF GOV GEN SIR DAVID ROSE ON EXPRESS INVITATION OF GOG. HE WAS ONLY NON-CARIBBEAN FIGURE INVITED, WHICH IS MEASURE OF ESTEEM FOR HIM IN GOG CIRCLES. AMB FOUND POPE FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING ALTHOUGH DID NOT ENGAGE HIM IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. KING

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